

PROJECT 10073 RECORD

1. DATE - TIME GROUP 11 January 66 11/1200Z	2. LOCATION 26.58N 154.46E (Pacific)
3. SOURCE Military	10. CONCLUSION OTHER (SATELLITE DECAY) ✓
4. NUMBER OF OBJECTS One	Cosmos 53, (984), 11 Jan 66, 1202Z, 18.7N 167.6E.
5. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 3 Minutes	11. BRIEF SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS Object was described as being cigar shaped, glowing, with a bright light at its head, a glowing body with a duller light aft and a long fiery tail. Its flight path was described as coming from the horizon on the starboard beam. It approached to within 1 mile at a height of 400 feet then altered course to a position off the starboard quarter where it appeared to hover for approximately 30 seconds then went to the port quarter and gradually disappeared. Ship was steering at 257 degrees gyro, 258 degrees North.
6. TYPE OF OBSERVATION Ground-Visual	
7. COURSE SE	
8. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
9. PHYSICAL EVIDENCE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

(3 WITNESSES)

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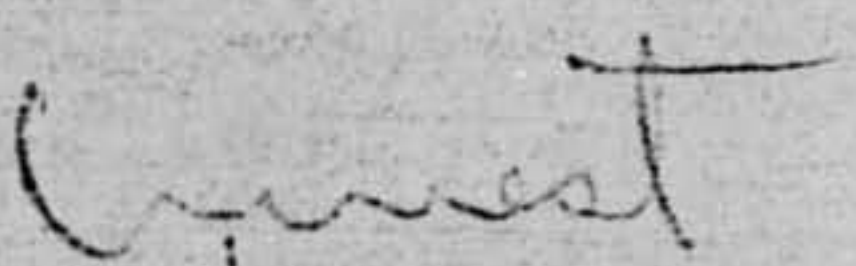
25 MAR 1966

From: Commander U. S. Naval Defense Forces Eastern Pacific
To: Commander, ATIC, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, Ohio
Subj: UFO Sighting
Encl: (1) Statements of Witnesses
(2) Drawings of Course and Description of UFO

1. The following report was received from the master of the SS MORGANTOWN VICTORY of the Pacific Far East Lines and is forwarded with enclosures for information.

"At 111200Z (Jan 1966) posit 26-58N - 154-46E watch sighted 200 ft. cigar shaped silent UFO at 400 ft. height. Approached one mile starboard beam then hovered starboard quarter then to port quarter and away. Visible three min. Executed Williamson search for possible down plane one hour. Phenomenon inexplicable. Airmail witness report signed Master."

2. Comment: Master [REDACTED] is a sincere, intelligent individual who has furnished reliable information in the past.


W. WEST
By direction

Satellite Data

11 Jan 66 / 1202Z

18.7 Dec N / 16.6 Dec E

STATEMENT OF GLYNN J. PETRIE, MASTER :

"Just prior to 2200 ship time, January 11, 1966, I was in my bunk when I heard a hurried clatter of feet on the bridge grating over my head. After, the phone rang and Mr. Anderson, Third Mate, reported what appeared to be a plane afire on the port quarter.

I ran to the bridge, but could see nothing. The information given me indicated a plane in trouble had headed for the ship and ditched on the port quarter.

At 2201, the vessel started to execute a Williamson Turn. The bow lookout was doubled and a search was made utilizing the vessel's search light.

During the search, I realized that I had heard no sound, such as a plane would have made. I questioned Claunch, A.B. on bow lookout and learned that the object had maneuvered approximately 180° about the vessel without sound.


At 2238, vessel executed another Williamson Turn and resumed her original course and continued search.

At 2300, I took statements from each of the witnesses, Mr. Anderson, Third Mate on watch, R. Claunch, A.B. and bow lookout, and J. Facha, A.B. and helmsman who had left the wheel to sight the object. The statements were taken individually and I did not seek to make them agree.

The weather was clear; wind SSW 13k, Barometer 30.16, Temperature 19 dry 15 Centigrade, sea moderate, and fine with excellent visibility, almost full moon astern with the vessel steering 257 gyro and 258 true.

This is a fine steering vessel, a fact important in considering the possibility of poor steering and yawing which, had such been the case, might have accounted for the apparent maneuvering from the stbd to the port quarter.

There were two (2) phone calls from the bow. First when object was on stbd quarter. The Third Mate ran to stbd wing and looked forward, seeing nothing. Another phone call from the bow was to have the bridge look on the port quarter. The Third Mate and Facha looked and saw the object. This gives a rather prolonged time element during which the object was visible."


Glynn J. Petrie, Master

Observed by:

#1- Claunch
#2- Anderson
#3- Facha

Course of UFO Spotted 2200 hrs. LOT approx.
January 11, 1966 1200 hrs. GMT approx.
Morgantown Victory 2201 hrs. LOT exact

Start Williamson Turn

2 mile off ship

400' high

Call #1

Call #2

Hover for 30 seconds

1-2-3

COURSE 25°

1-3-2

Description of UFO

appeared to be two lights
duller glow than bow light

Bright glow

dull glow

dull glow

approx. 300 feet

approx. 200-250 feet

FLAME

Color of UFO - appeared orange-yellow glow with a whiter tint
aft of the two lights.

Flame - appeared to be red-orange with direction of
flame dipping downward.

Height - approximately 35-40 feet.

"The above drawings are accurate to show the course and description of
what was seen on January 11, 1966."

Robert J. Claunch, A.E.

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